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Dear Charlie, George et al

Thanks for your very swift assistance. We seem to have persuaded the council to back off but it is useful having the legal aid in any event in case they try this game again. Their actions were completely outrageous. We have an ongoing planning matter in early stages and, until today, they gave no hint that they might consider direct action under s178 of the 1990 Act. Obviously Meadowlands was not a one off incident for this council!

Thanks again and we will keep you informed of progress

Chris Johnson and Sharon Baxter

NB While e-mailing you, we have a number of cases where we are keeping Gypsies and Travellers on unauthorised encampments on council land where they have made Margaret Price style homelessness applications to the same council. We now need to try and get reports on land (for which we will pay reasonable costs under legal aid) in terms of disused/underused land in local authority or public authority control in the area including traditional stopping places. Would anyone at the Gypsy Council be in a position to provide us with such reports and, if so, what geographical area would you be willing to cover? I look forward to hearing from you on this. Chris J.